Chairman of port trusts

266. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present policy regarding appointment of Chairmen of major ports in the country; and

(b) how many major port trusts have officers belonging to the IAS cadre as Chairman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE, TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT: (a) Chairmen of major ports are generally appointed by the Central Government from out of a panel of officials prepared by the department of Personnel. The eligibility of officials from the Ports are also considered at the time of making the appointment.

(b) Two posts of Chairmen are at present vacant. Out of the remaining nine posts, eight are held by officers belonging to the IAS Cadre. One post is held by a retired IAS officer on reemployment basis.

Holding of 1992 Olympics in India

267. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 432 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision on the reference made by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to make a bid for staging the 1992 Olympic Games in New Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMENS' WELFARE (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) A decision in the matter is likely to be taken soon.

Mankhurd Belapur rail link

268. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:

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SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government's sanction to Rs. 120 crores plan for the Mankhurd-Belapur railway link in Bombay was announced by the Prime Minister during the centenary celebrations of the Indian National Congress held at Bombay in December, 1985;

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken to implement the scheme; and

(c) what schedule has been laid down for completion of the rail link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The project for the construction of Mankhurd-Belapur rail link in Bombay was in Railway Budget 1983-84. Preparatory work in regard to soil exploration, design, final location survey construction infrastructure facilities like offices, stores depot, etc. are in progress. The Project at 1985 price level is estimated to cost Rs. 120 crores.

(b) The Maharashtra State Government has agreed to bear the cost of execution of formation, track, bridges and electrification for the construction of Mankhurd-Belapur rail link by raising debentures through the agency of City & Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Government. The cost of the balance work of the project would be found by Railways from their own Plan allocation.

(c) The date of completion of the project will depend upon the availability of funds from the Maharashtra State Government and Railway's Plan allocation.